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BOYD: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP PRESSURE ON THE STATE

Boyd, Florida stakeholder testify before Water Resources Subcommittee on the Apalachicola



(left to right) Chad Taylor, a member of the Riparian Coalition from Jackson County; Kevin Begos

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today testified before the Subcommittee on

“The federal government will keep pressure on the three states to renew tri-state negotiations,” said Congressman Boyd.

During his testimony, Congressman Boyd outlined the following key points that he encouraged the three states to consider:

- Use independent and local experts to determine the water flows that the Apalachicola River and Bay
- Set limits on water use within the Tri-State Basin (For example, cap the water use to ensure that the
- Assess the water conservation potential among all users in the basin—agricultural, municipal, and
- Embody these agreements in a durable, Tri-State Compact with strong enforcement mechanisms.

At the hearing, Congressman Boyd also pointed out that over the past 35 years the state of Florida has lost

“In order for us to successfully and responsibly address the water sharing issue, we must look at the big picture

Kevin Begos, the Executive Director of the Franklin County Oyster & Seafood Task Force and a member of the